

## Globe Mission

# On the go with the Bedfords



### Pray with us:

- Give thanks to God with us that Karin's cochlear implant operation went very well.
- Pray for our YwaM team in Guatemala. In July, some will be on outreach in Chile. The rest of the team is involved with short term mission teams coming from various parts of the USA.
- Pray for Karin's mother. She is so happy to see us again. Yet we are often traveling. Pray that she enjoys God's presence and grows in relationships that she has.
- Pray for our visits and ministry here, that we can encourage people to become part of our support team!
- For our grown up children in Germany and Japan, for their future and wise decisions.



### In God's Peace (by Karin)

Joe and I have been in Germany for a few weeks now and today is a rather hot and steamy summer day. I like summer, but the heat makes me really tired.

Ten days ago, I underwent cochlear-implant surgery for my right ear in Wuerzburg and in these first few days of recovery I am struggling with fatigue. That is normal, it takes time to get over the effects of the anesthesia, and weariness is part of the normal healing process.

My operation went very well. I felt God's presence throughout the entire time. Many of you were praying for me and the doctors. Thank you so much!

Now, my ear has to heal and then, at the end of July, the doctor will turn on the hearing device. I'm wondering what it will be like. In any case, I will likely be needing months of hearing training.

We are planning our schedule to visit and preach at our partnering churches and many friends in the next months, as well as some conferences we will be attending. Travelling is always exciting, but also strenuous. Thank you all, that you stand by our side and are praying for us.

I am reminded of what Jesus said in John 16:33:

„I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

I pray that those of you who are facing uncertainty or a challenging, difficult time, that you may also experience His presence and can rest in His peace.



Greetings from Marktbreit, a beautiful little town in Franconia!

Thanks for standing with us!

Karin





## What a Family! (by Joe)

"I miss you, Dad. When can we talk again?" wrote Samuel, my son.

Every Dad's heart grows warm when he hears that, especially if the kids live far away. After we talked a while, we decided to call once a week.

I love to spend time with my kids, although I know that each of them has different needs and time commitments. I don't expect that they always have a lot of time to talk, but I am thankful that we keep in touch. They are such a great gift of God to me!

And I am just as thankful for my other family—my church (or churches ☺)! Karin and I enjoy visiting, praying with, listening to, spending time with our friends. We rejoice as we see God changing lives, miracles happening, people growing and maturing in the faith!

During this time, we are far away from our "family" in Guatemala, yet connected in spirit. Alex, one of our YwaM co-workers, is in Baja Verapaz (eastern Guatemala) with his team. He told me the Bible training seminars they are holding in churches are really well received. Yet it is a challenge for him as a leader to encourage the others through all the stress and unforeseen complications that always accompany these outreaches, even when he is feeling the stress and strain himself. We also continue to pray for God's provision for Alex and the other Guatemalans in our YwaM staff. In July,



Alex's team is going to Chile to minister there and he needs support.

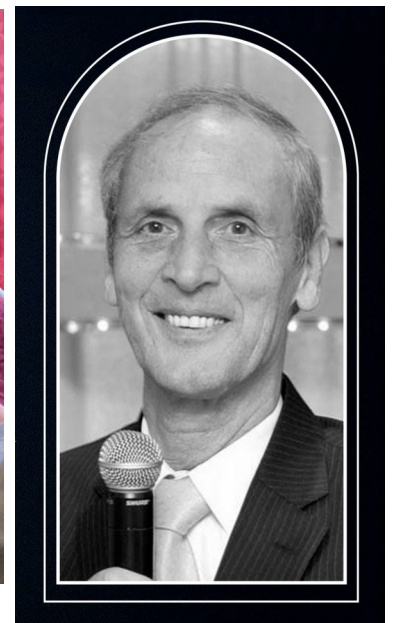
We also just received the news that our good friend and fellow Globe missionary, Jeff Mills, died last Saturday. We will miss him, especially his warm friendship, his passion to share the love of Jesus and his wonderful British humor. It will be hard on the family, both his daughter and her family and the church family, especially in the church in San Miguel Dueñas. Keep them in your prayers, please. The great thing to remember: one day, Jesus' family will all be together in an incredible, joyful,

eternal reunion! Thank you, Lord!

We are grateful for all of you, our family, and your love and support.

God bless you all!

Joe



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